Simplification of rules for attracting foreign investment

1413. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments for simplification of rules and procedures for attracting more foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the State Governments in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Right from the announcement of the New Industrial Policy in July 1991, the Central Government has been requesting the States to simplify procedures and provide an investor-friendly environment for attracting both foreign and domestic investment. Additionally, this matter has also been taken up in various conferences and meetings with State Industries Ministers and senior officers. Pursuant to this, some States have already set-up Single Window Agencies for granting various approvals at the State level.

In addition to this, the Central Government had set-up a Working Group to evolve strategies relating to investment promotions and had also constituted a Committee to suggest simplification of procedures of various approvals of industrial projects at the State level. The report of the latter committee has been recieved and its recommendations have been communicated to the State Governments for implementation.

Allowances to Chief Executives for visit abroad

1414. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current scale of per diem and entertainment allowances admissible in foreign exchange for Chief Executives and other functionaries for their visits abroad;

(b) whether Government propose to raise these allowances in view of the inflation in the foreign countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The current scale of per diem allowance admissible to Chief Executives and other functionaries for their visits abroad is at a rate not exceeding US $ 500 and US $ 358, respectively The entertainment allowance admissible to the Chief Executives and other functionaries per trip is US $ 5000 and US $ 2000, respectively.

(b) to (d) The per diem allowance has been revised recently. There is no proposal at present to increase the entertainment allowance as the amount admissible is considered adequate. The Companies are, however, free to approach RBI with requests for additional amount for entertainment expenses which are examined on merits.

बिहार में चीनी उद्योगों का पुनः चालू किया जाना

1415. श्री नागमणि : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा बिहार की सैंकड़ों बन्द एवं रुग्ण चीनी मिलों और पटसन मिलों तथा अन्य उद्योगों को पुनः चालू कराने एवं सुधारने हेतु कोई कार्य योजना बनाई गई है या बनाये जाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) :(क) से (ग) रुग्ण/कमजोर औद्योगिक एककों (बन्द एककों सहित) जिन्हें पुनरुज्जीवन के लिए संभावित रूप से जीव्य समझा गया के संबंध में पुनरुज्जीवन पैकेजों को तैयार करने/कार्यान्वयन करने के संबंध में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा विस्तृत दिशा निर्देश जारी किए गए है। रुग्ण/कमजोर एककों तथा उन एककों के बारे में जिन्हें पूरी तरह वाणिज्यिक आधार पर जीव्य पाया गया, के संबंध में वित्तीय संस्थानों/बैंकों द्वारा जीव्यता अध्ययन किए जाते है। पुनरुज्जीवन पैकेज में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ बैंकों और वित्तीय संस्थानों की मौजूदा देनदारियों को चरणबद्ध रूप मे उन्हें पुनः अदायगी के लिए बढ़ाई गयी अवधि में धनराशि देने, ब्याज रियायतों, नये सावधिक ऋणों की मंजूरी और नयी कार्यशील पूंजी संबंधी सुविधाओं का प्रावधान है जहां तक गैर लघु उद्योग रुग्ण औद्योगिक कंपनियों का संबंध है रुग्ण औद्योगिक कंपनी (विशेष उपबन्ध) अधिनियम, 1985 के अधीन गठित एक अर्ध न्यायिक निकाय औद्योगिक और वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड (बी०आई० एफ०आर०) जो निवारक, सुधारात्मक, उपचारात्मक और अन्य उपायों के लिए आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने का और ऐसे उपायों को शीघ्रता से लागू करने का अधिकार दिया गया है। ये उपाय बिहार सहित पूरे देश मे चीनी और पटसन क्षेत्र सहित सभी प्रकार के एककों के लिए लागू हैं।

Development of industrialy backward districts

1416. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of districts of the country, particularly in Punjab, which have been declared as industrially backward districts;

(b) the details thereof, District-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what is the financial assistance so far provided by Central Government for their industrial development during the last three years and the amount spent out of it during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) (a) and (b) A list showing Centrally declared backward districts State-wise is given in statement. (See below) However, this list is presently under revision in the Deptt. of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance. The revised list as and when completed would be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme which was discontinued, w.e.f. 30.09.1988 worked on reimbursement basis by Centre after disbursement of subsidy to industrial units by the State. Under this Scheme an amount of Rs. 1.53 crores was disbursed as spillover of claims from the State and has been reimbursed to the State in the last 3 years.

Besides under the New Growth Centre Scheme announced in 1988 under which State of Punjab has been allotted 2 centres at Bhatinda and Pathankot. The Central assistance released so far under this Scheme has been Rs. 7.00 crores and Rs. 2.74 crores for Bhatinda and Pathankot respectively.